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Subject: Public Scoping for Special Use Permit Road 7180

Dear National Forest Stakeholder:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed" (40 CFR 1501.7). Scopingis requiredforallForestServiceproposedactions,includingthosethatwouldappeartobecategoricallyexcl udedfrom further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.4C(1)).

Proposed Action

The Mena-Oden Ranger District proposes to issue a decision memo authorizing construction and maintenance of a driveway off of Forest Service Road 7180. Pine and hardwood trees within the road corridor will be removed and marketed as appropriate. Forest Service Road 7180 is currently a maintenance level 1 closed road this decision would authorize use and maintenance of FSR 7180 to the permit holder. This project will provide access to private ownership inPolk County, Arkansas. The private land is located in Township 1 South, Range 29 West, Section 21.

Unless scoping identifies extraordinary circumstances, this project is within a category of actions that is excluded from documentation in an EA or an EIS; only a decision will be documented. If you have questions about this project or would like more information, please contact *Russell Standingwater* at (479) 394-2382 or russell.standingwater@usda.govMena/Oden District Ranger, *1603 Hwy 71 North, Mena, AR, 71953*. Your comments would be most helpful if received by October 7, 2019.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of your National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Oosterhous

TIM OOSTERHOUS District Ranger





